500th Anniversary of Vasco-da-Gama Arrival to India

2394. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Portugal is making arrangements to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of arrival of Vasco-da-Gama in India in a big way;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Portugal to join the above celebrations;

(c) whether any meeting was held between the Prime Minister, the Minister of Human Resource Development and the Chief Minister of Goa and Kerala to discuss the above proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

2395. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to install a Statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in front of Red Fort;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has sent a proposal to shift the Statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from its present site at Subhash Park, Darya Ganj and relocate it in front of Red Fort.

National Human Rights Commission

2396. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2777 on March 12, 1997 regarding National Human Rights Commission and state:

a) the response of each of the State Government on the recommendations of National Human Rights Commission in the light of letters sent to Chief Ministers of all Sates;

b) whether the recommendations have been got implemented in Union Territory Administrations;

c) if so, the details thereof; and

d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (d) The recommendation of the National Human Rights Commission for inclusion of a rule in the Conduct Rules of Government servants for prohibiting employment of children below 14 years as domestic servant, is under consideration. The Central Government have not consulted the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations on the proposal.

[Transiation]

Population

2397. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of increase in population in India as per the figures of the 'Population Reference Bureau';

(b) the estimated population of India by 2000 A.D.;

(c) the world population in billion beyond which it should not increase to maintain the balance between the availability of necessities and population of the world as per the recently held census; and

(d) the percentage of growth rate in the population required to be reduced in the developing countries to aviod increase in population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Population Resource Bureau is an organisation of the USAID. According to information obtained from them, the (natureal) population increase estimated by the Bureau is 1.9 per cent in 1997.

(b): As per the projections made by the Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the Planning Commission, the estimated population of India is

1009 million by 2000 A.D.

(c) and (d) There can be no exact estimate of the maximum population which the planet can support while ensuring availability of all necessities for comfortable living because the nature and extent of necessities change from time to time, and the productivity of organisations and techniques creating these necessities also keep changing. However, as judged by the pressure on resources and services in Indian it seems clear that India is already over-populated.

The total fertility rate in India was 3.5 as assessed through SRS (1995). For stable population the fertility has to come down to 2.1. Actually, the population will continue to increase for another generation after fertility rate of 2.1 has been reached, because more Young couples will join the reproductive age group, then will be phased out due to old age. Therefore, the fertility rate in India needs to be brought down to 2.1 for achieving stable population.

Eradication of Polio

2398. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) has stressed the need for an effective surveillance system to ensure eradication of polio virus;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the suggestions of WHO;

(c) the achievement made in the immunisation of children against Polio in India; and

(d) the details of programme prepared in this regard for coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) The National Polio Surveillance Project is being launched by the Government of India in collaboration with World Health Organisation during 1997-98 for the effective surveillance of Poliomyslitis.

(c) The achievements during Pulse Polio Immunization in 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given in the attached Statement from I to IV.

(d) The survoillance of Acute Flaccid Paralysis has been made mandatory. A network of Surveillance Medical Officers is being established throughout the country in collaboration with the World Health Organisation for the surveillance of Acute Flaccid Paralysis cases. A central project office is being set up in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the National Polio Surveillance Project.

Statement-I

Pulse Polio Immunization 9th December 1995

Sl. No.	States	Districts		Targets 0-3			Coverage 0-3					Total Vacci-nated
		Number	Reporte	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	%	No. Above 3	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	12	12	79580	12617	92197	82496	16377	98873	107.241	9671	108544
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23	23	1419908	4512220	5932128	1228446	4259509	5487955	92.51242	801796	6289751
3.	Assam	23	23	1903362	196894	2100256	2047535	169229	2216764	105.5473	220479	2437243
4.	Bihar	39	39			7968000	9315000	802000	10117000	126.9704	536700	10653700
5.	Chandigarh-UT	1	1	7500	42500	50000	7277	42271	49548	99.096	5785	55333
6.	Delhi				1013236	1013236		1080357	1080357	106.6244	151085	1231442
7.	D & N Haveli	1	1	13716		13716	17063		17063	124.4022	507	17570
8.	Goa	2	2	45500	260000	71500	43605	24477	68082	95.21958	3788	71870
9.	Gujarat	19	19	2515810	813519	3329329	2523518	771035	3294553	98.95547	287291	3581844
10.	Haryana	16	16	1003268	354274	1357542	1278085	433180	1711265	126.0561	101824	1813089
11.	Himachal Pradesh	12	12	346936	23447	370383	338270	24906	363176	98.05418	15715	378891
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	14	14			702616			784880	111.7082	91423	876303